

KING WANTS TO QUIT

This is the Story of Representative Smith.

WEBER MAN'S STATEMENT

STAYED IN YESTERDAY AT CANNON'S REQUEST.

Cannon Is to Be Elected, According to This Man—Startling Narration of Ogden Man—Developments of Week Told In Detail—How McCune Has Crawled Up

(By Telephone to The Herald.)
Ogden, Jan. 11.—S. S. Smith, the Populist member of the house of representatives from Weber county, and one of the seven Cannon supporters, came up from Salt Lake tonight to remain over Sunday. Mr. Smith was very positive that Cannon will be elected and discussed the situation freely with the Herald reporter. He said that Mr. Cannon would surprise people and go in with a whirlwind rush Monday or Tuesday.

"We have," said Mr. Smith, "any number of votes coming from legislators who say they will vote for Cannon as soon as their votes will elect him, and that condition will come about very soon."

"King is beaten and he knows it. He would have withdrawn today but for the urgent request of Cannon men who kept him in the field. We did not want his forces to go to pieces and scatter because we were not ready for it."

Mr. Smith said Cannon has more than seven supporters, as there were members who were bent on voting for him heretofore, but that they refrained in compliance with the request of Cannon's managers, who deem it wise to have the votes distributed elsewhere until the time is ripe for a decisive vote in the senate. Mr. Smith spoke confidently and intimated that a great surprise was in store for those who doubt Cannon's election.

He said Monday or Tuesday would be an interesting day in the history of the contest.

Several of Mr. Cannon's friends feel encouraged over the outlook, and say his plan of playing one Democrat against another until the forces of each disorganize is working to a nicety. One intimated that Bryan, Jones, Teller and Gove, and other prominent leaders might get into the contest by wire and a series of telegrams eulogistic of Cannon might be sprung at any time. These, with the demoralization of some of the other forces, and the prestige of votes hitherto held back, going to Cannon all at once, are depended on for his election. Another friend stated that Cannon would swing at least half the Republican votes into his column; that Powers will deliver at least five votes to him, and that, in the event the Tribune's fight on Roberts is successful, Powers will get Cannon's support for Roberts' seat at the special election that will be called.

PROGRESS OF BALLOTING.

Story of Week's Development In Senatorial Fight.

For the past five days the legislature has devoted most of its time to balloting for a United States senator to succeed Senator Frank J. Cannon. In this time one separate and thirty-seven joint ballots have been taken, without the election of any candidate.

But the race thus far has not by any means been barren of results. A. W. McCune has shown himself to be the strongest candidate in the field. Starting in with eleven votes, and ending Friday he progressed to seventeen, and he ended the week with twenty-one to his credit, lacking but ten of the number necessary to a choice at the session.

Almost in the ratio at which Mr. McCune has climbed the ladder, his nearest competitor, W. H. King, has slipped down. Judge King started out like a dead-sea winner with a vote of nineteen, but daily since then he has been on the downslide. He scored Thursday with fifteen votes, Friday with fourteen and Saturday with but twelve. And Judge King's loss has in almost every instance been Mr. McCune's gain.

The other candidates have about maintained their strength, except in the case of O. W. Powers, who has won two votes, one to Judge King and the other to Mr. McCune.

Senator Cannon started with six fanatical votes and supporters, who were faithfully attended every session thus far and as faithfully voted for the senator.

The Republican minority members have been having a nice, sociable time all by themselves. They have complimented each other on their positions during the week and if the race continues another week, they will probably be able to give all the other members of the party a share of the same. They have a long list, which Senator Alder keeps up his sleeve. Before each ballot, Mr. Alder consults the oracle and announces the names of the candidates, with but one exception, following him dutifully as their names are called.

It is anticipated that this week will see the end of the race, with the odds greatly in favor of Mr. McCune as the likely winner. If he keeps gathering strength as the days pass, he will surely reach the goal by Friday at latest.

There was a rumor on the streets last evening that a combination had been effected between the Powers and King forces. A delegation of Powers men visited the King headquarters Friday evening for the purpose, it is said, of arranging to retire from the contest to the terms of the agreement, so the wisecracks claimed, Judge Powers was to hand over those of his votes that he can control to Judge King Monday and Tuesday, and it was said that the King forces were to be allowed to remain an hour or so, until the time to walk again seized him.

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The bill has been drawn up by the city attorney, and is, of course, in harmony with the resolution passed some time ago. Mr. Callister, as chairman of the committee on municipal law, will work for its passage, so far as lobbying goes, but whether or not it stands any show of passing is very much in doubt. From all reports, more radical measures on fire and police government will be introduced, and the outlook is for a lively contest. Chief Pratt will have to oppose anything that may disturb his chances to remain at the head of this department in Salt Lake, and the chief has a good reason to believe that he will do some active work in his behalf.

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"Here you, messenger," he said, handing Senator Tanner a folded paper, "take this down to the senate right away."

"But wait a minute," began the senator. "I'm not."

"It can't wait," the sergeant-at-arms declared. "The table is adjourned down there any minute, and we want to get this in before they do."

"But I'm not a messenger," replied Mr. Tanner. "I'm a member of the senate, and we've already adjourned."

Sergeant Tuttle was struck dumb. He apologized profusely to Senator Tanner, and several representatives had seen the incident. Sergeant Tuttle says he shall buy up the back numbers of The Herald and study up the physiognomies of all the members of the legislature.

Another Wild Canard.

An absurd tale was set afloat last evening by the political opponents of A. W. McCune to the effect that Mr. McCune is not a naturalized citizen. While the falsity of the tale and its evident purpose were palpable on its face, a Herald man spoke to Mr. McCune of it. He laughed when he heard it. "There's not a word of truth in it," said he. "I was born in California, India, and I came to Utah with my parents when I was seven years of age. My father was a naturalized citizen, and papers before I was of age, and that of itself made me a citizen, but in order that no difficulty might arise about it, I took out my own naturalization papers at Provo. I am not certain of the date, but Judge Emerson was on the bench, and his brother, Charlie Emerson, was county clerk."

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"What was that you were saying?" said the newcomer, with mock indignation.

Sloan had turned to someone else, but he wheeled quickly. "Are you talking to me?" he inquired.

"I am," the younger man replied, intentionally ungrammatically.

"Oh, well," Sloan said, shrugging his shoulders. "If you're plural, go talk to yourself."

And the young man retired, discomfited.

Dispatch Was Valueless.

Speaker Roylance received a telegram from Provo Friday noon, urging him to cast his vote for W. H. King for United States senator. The message was signed by about thirty names, and it was stated that fully four-fifths were Republicans or men of doubtful political faith. Of the few Democrats on the list, only one, Albert Langston, never saw the paper. He was not in Provo on that date, and did not append his name to the dispatch.

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